A MEMORIAL *of the Deplorable* CASE *of the Proteſtant Purchaſers in* Ireland, *under the Right Honourable* Godard *Earl of* Athlone.

THAT the ſaid Earl as Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Forces in *Ireland*, was Succeſsful in Reducing That Kingdom to the Obedience of His Majeſty, and the Crown of *England*, by the taking of *Athlone*, the Battle of *Agram*, the Surrender of *Galloway*, and the Treaty of *Limerick*.

That upon his return into *England*, he receiv'd the Thanks of the Honourable *Houſe of Commons*, for that his good Service.

That His Majeſty in Conſideration of the ſaid Services was graciouſly pleaſed to grant to the ſaid Earl ſeveral Forfeited Eſtates in that Kingdom under the Great Seal of *Ireland*, and in Purſuance thereof he was put in Poſſeſſion and Enjoy'd the ſame without Interruption ſeveral Years.

That by an Act paſſed in the late Parliament of *Ireland*, the Attainder of the ſeveral Perſons whoſe Eſtates were ſo Granted to the ſaid Earl, were Confirmed and made Erreverſable.

That by one other Act of Parliament likewiſe paſſed in that Kingdom, particularly in Favour of the ſaid Earl, his Grants and Letters, Pattents, were Confirmed and Eſtabliſhed, and the Lands therein mention'd, fully ſettled and aſſured to him and his Heirs according to the Tenor of the ſaid Grants.

That the ſaid Acts before they could be Paſſed in *Ireland*, were approved off, and Tranſmitted into that Kingdom by His Majeſty and Privy Councel, under the Great Seal of *England*.

That the ſaid Purchaſers were informed that ſeveral Bills prepared by the Honourable *Houſe of Commons* in *England*, were for Appropriating part only of the Forfeitures of *Ireland* to the Uſe of the Publick; and that the ſame likewiſe were ſuffered to fall.

That the ſaid Purchaſers, before they would deal for any Part of the ſaid Lands, were Adviſed by their Councel, that the ſaid Grants ſo Confirmed by Acts of Parliament conveyed a good Eſtate in Law to the ſaid Earl, and that he might make over a Good Title and Conveyance thereof to the Purchaſers.

And that almoſt all Eſtates in that Kingdom depend on Acts of Parliament Paſſed only in *Ireland*, and that the ſame has been always look't upon a ſufficient Law and Title as to all Matters and Eſtates in that Kingdom, and therefore thought they might ſafely Purchaſe the ſame.

That thereupon ſome of them Sold other Eſtates, and others took up Money at Intereſt, and laid out all they had, or the greateſt Part of their Fortunes in purchaſing ſeveral Parts of the Lands ſo Granted and Coufirmed, and paid ſome of them Twelve, others Forteen Years Purchaſe for the ſame, to the value of Eighteen Thouſand Pounds.

That ſince, they have ſet down and Improved on the ſaid Lands to the value of ſeveral Thouſand Pounds more; and ſome have made Marriage Settlements, taken up Money upon Mortgages and other Securities thereupon, and made Leaſes to Proteſtant Tenants, as by Covenants with the ſaid Earl they were oblig'd, who have likewiſe Built and Improved: So that to Diſpoſſeſs and Deprive them wholly, and not to admit them to continue their Eſtates upon ſuch Terms as the Wiſdom and Compaſſion of the Parliament ſhall think fit, will expoſe them to abſolute Ruin, and bring many Hundred Proteſtants Families of that Kingdom to greater Miſery and Loſs than they underwent from their Enemies in the late Troubles and Rebellion, or any Former Purchaſers of Forfeited Eſtates in that Kingdom under the like Title, ever ſuffered on any former Rebellion.

That the ſaid Earl and Purchaſers have been likewiſe at great Charge in defending Part of the ſaid Eſtate, againſt the Pretentions of the Right Honourable *Thomas* Earl of *Limerick*; and can fully make out, that he hath not the leaſt Colour of Right or Title to the ſaid Lands, as hath been already Reported by His Majeſty's Councel after full Hearings between them and the ſaid Earl.

That no other Grants or Purchaſers in that Kingdom, have an Act of Parliament for their Security. So that their Caſe differing by that, and ſeveral other Circumſtances from all others, and being Perchaſes for ſo great and valuable a Conſideration; they humbly hope they may deſerve Commiſeration without prejudice to the Publick: As to the other Forfeitures, of which their Purchaſes are a very inconſiderable Part, and therefore humbly ſubmit themſelves to the Juſtice, Conſideration and Favour of this Honourable Parliament. Profeſſing they were very far from deſigning any Thing in the ſaid Purchaſes, to the prejudice of the Publick, or in neglect of any Vote or Proceedings of the Honourable *Houſe of Commons*. To whom they will always bear a moſt profound Deference and Regard.

THE CASE OF Protestant Purchasers in *Ireland.*